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Wooden Ware

## Honoring The Festival

How Christmas Day Was Observed  
by the Citizens of  
Victoria

Inmates of Charitable Institutions  
Remembered—The Services  
in the Churches.

An almost continuous downpour of rain yesterday by no means interfered with the proper observation of the festival which in all Christian lands is associated with the 25th of December. The actual celebration began on Christmas eve, when the decorations in many instances were installed, the candles lighted, and to the smaller members of the different households of the city the mystic joys of the holiday were inaugurated. In some homes the Christmas tree was employed, while in others the old fashioned stocking was again made the receptacle of the gifts of Yuletide, but everywhere from the highest to the humblest homes the spirit of the celebration was entered into with a vigor which even the drizzle could not dampen or diminish.

For weeks the business houses of the city have been doing a trade which was a fair harbinger of the heartiness with which Christmas was to be celebrated. The holiday trade this year outran that of any previous season by a very large figure, according to the estimates of business men, and one large firm in the city even went so far as to state that the trade which they did on the day preceding Christmas was equal to the whole holiday trade of 1899. This is all the more remarkable from the fact that the sealing awards were paid in November, 1899, and that the effect was most marked on the purchases of that year. Much of this year's increased trade was directly due to the intelligent use of printer's ink by the different firms of the city, who rivalled one another in the attractiveness of the advertisements which they displayed.

The result was that it is safe to say that there was not a dinner table in Victoria yesterday which was not amply laden, or a child in it which was not made happy by the reception of some gift. There was an entire absence of want. It is a fact worthy of chronicling that the captain of the Salvation Army, after a diligent search, for which he was admirably adapted by his peculiar knowledge of the conditions, gave it as his opinion that every family in the city was provided with a Christmas dinner. The fact is one as honorable and blood to the cause of the Empire in South Africa.

Much credit is due to the different organizations which, at this season of the

year in particular, look after the requirements of those who, through poverty, sickness or crime, do not enjoy the day. The Daughters of Mercy and other organizations devoted their attention to the hospital, while the W. C. T. U., Friendly Help Society, Women's Auxiliaries, Salvation Army and kindred organizations did a work, the reward of which was felt in the brightness which they brought to those who would otherwise have found little enjoyment in the day. The Old Men's Home, the Old Women's Home, the B. C. Protestant Orphanage, the Protectorate and other charitable institutions were visited by these assiduous workers, with their messages of sympathy and their gifts of love.

Even the inmates of the jails were not forgotten. Warden John's wards were regaled with roast beef, together with the boys of the reformatory, and other steps taken to alleviate as far as was reasonable the lot of these unfortunate.

A concert was given here during the afternoon under the direction of Mr. Teaster, who has devoted so much time to the inmates and to their welfare. At the city police station Mrs. Jamieson provided the dozen transients with roast turkey and other Christmas delicacies.

In the churches the day was honored with religious services, as outlined in the Times of Monday. Christ Church Cathedral, St. Andrew's R. C. Cathedral, St. James, St. Saviour's, the Metropolitan, Reformed Episcopal church, St. John's and St. Barnabas were among the sacred edifices in which worship was held, and in all of these decorations appropriate to the occasion were installed, usually by the ladies of the congregations.

Nowhere was the day more heartily honored than in the services so well represented here. Aboard ship there was turkey and plum pudding, and all the frolics which are included in the ample repertoire of the "handy man" and his hybrid brother the marine. Up

### THIN CHILD

If a child is thin, let him take a little of Scott's emulsion of cod-liver oil.

Some children like it too well; begin with a little. A half- or quarter-teaspoonful is enough at first, if the stomach is weak; but increase, as you find the stomach will bear.

The effect is: the little one takes on strength; gets hungry; eats and is happy; gets fat—he ought to be fat—and gets healthy.

We'll send you a little to try if you like. SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, Toronto.

at Work Point the members of the Royal Engineers dined together in the banquet hall, which had been decorated for the occasion, while the Royal Artillery dined together in their quarters. The men were visited in the midst of their feast by the officers of the garrison, who sampled the pudding and otherwise testified to their interest in the little function. On Christmas Eve, Major Wynne and Mrs. Wynne and the officers of the R. A. gave a Christmas tree for the children of the regiment. At Hospital Point "A" Company also had a hearty Christmas meal, the first Christmas dinner to be shared by the men since their installation here.

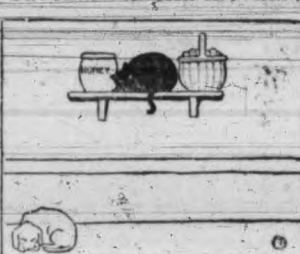
### THE CANADIAN ALMANAC.

The issue of the Canadian Almanac for 1901, which forms the fifty-fourth of the series, is unusually valuable, and is indispensable to every office and library in the Dominion. Many of the lists given are not found elsewhere, and in no other volume can so much information about Canada be found in so small a space.

In this year of military activity, special attention has been given to Military Matters in the Dominion. A complete Militia List, War Service of Officers of Canadian Militia, Alphabetical List of Reserve Officers, Officers of Staff and Permanent Corps, Canadian Troops sent to South Africa, List of Killed in Action, Died of Wounds, Ever or otherwise, in South Africa. Also an interesting article on the British Army, giving among other items a complete list of the battles in South Africa, with the number of killed, wounded and missing in each case. Also an article on the British Navy, and an account of the new United States Navy, all of which are intensely interesting to those who wish to keep abreast of the times. The results of the elections both in Canada and Britain are given. A short description is given of the British Government, with a list of the principal officials, and a brief account of the offices. The New Dominion House of Commons will be found in full, with a list of the successful and defeated candidates. The Provincial Governments are also given, with a list of legislatures and principal government offices. The Customs Tariff is revised to date, and the Post Office Directory and Gazetteer. As a directory the Canadian Almanac is unsurpassed. Full lists are given of the Clergy of all denominations; Societies and Institutions; Schools; Colleges and Universities; Barristers and Solicitors in Ontario; County and Municipal Officers; Townships, Cities, Towns and Villages; Division Court Clerks, Police Magistrates, etc., etc. Astronomical Information, Tables and Statistics, Tide Tables, and general information of all kinds. Published by The Copp, Clark Company, Limited, Toronto, Ont.

The Bolivian government has appropriated about \$50,000 for the preliminary survey of three railway lines, from Oruro to La Paz and Lake Titicaca, from Oruro to Cochabamba, and from Chaltapata to Cochabamba. Another road is to run from Potosi to the Argentine boundary.

### TROUBLES IN THE KITCHEN.



### SAYS HE WAS TORTURED.

"I suffered such pain from corns I could hardly walk," writes H. Robinson, Hillsborough, Ill., "but Bucklen's Anele Salve completely cured them." Acts like magic on sprains, bruises, cuts, sores, scalds, burns, boils, ulcers, Per- feet-heater of skin diseases and piles. Cure guaranteed by F. W. Fawcett & Co., 25c.

### COUNCIL SESSIONS.

Board of Aldermen Held a Brief Meeting on Christmas Eve.

Mayor Hayward had difficulty in getting a quorum of the city fathers to get together on Christmas Eve, for the regular session of the board. By half-past eight, however, Ald. Hall, Cooley, Beckwith, Stewart, Brydon and Kingman had gathered, and the board was enabled to do business.

Immediately after the reading of the minutes, the following self-explanatory telegram was read:

Forest Dale, Que., Dec. 24.  
His Honor Mayor Hayward:  
Victoria boys wish you and citizens of Victoria a merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

(Sd.) H. SMETHURST.  
To the Hon. Mayor:

H. Smethurst and the Victoria Boys:  
Congratulations on safe return. Your good wishes for Christmas and New Year heartily reciprocated.

(Sd.) CHAS. HAYWARD, Mayor.

Following the reading of the said dispatches and an inquiry from Ald. Hall as to how the returning soldiers were to be received, a letter was read from Mayor Garden, of Vancouver, inviting the mayor and aldermen to a luncheon to be provided the Westminster, Victoria and Vancouver men on their arrival at the Terminal City. The invitation was accepted.

H. King, secretary of the S.P.C.A., wrote suggesting that the council make a grant to the society instead of allowing them a percentage of the fines imposed for infraction of the laws, which the society is organized to secure the enforcement of, as at present. The communication went to the finance committee for report.

The city engineer recommended a plank walk and drains on Government and Pembroke streets, to the amount of \$77, and a number of minor works. The report was adopted.

A recommendation to pay \$50 to the owner of a piece of land at the corner of Fernwood road and North Chatham street, whose property was affected by the widening of the latter named thoroughfare.

The council completed their labors by fixing on the market building for the municipal elections, and appointing W. Ward, Northcot returning officer. His deputies will be D. Sprague, for the St. Ward, T. C. Kirby for the N. Ward, and R. Carter for the C. Ward. Thos. Russell will be deputy for the mayor's election. Nomination takes place on the 14th and elections on the 17th. The council then adjourned.

### FOOD CHANGED TO POISON.

Poisoning food in the Intestines produces effects like those of arsenic, but Dr. King's New Life Pills expel the poisons from clogged bowels, gently, easily but surely, curing Constipation, Bilelessness, Sick Headache, Fevers, all Liver, Kidney and Bowel troubles. Only 25c, at F. W. Fawcett & Co.

### TWO DEAD; TWO WOUNDED.

The Result of an Old-Time Feud in Kentucky.

London, Ky., Dec. 24.—Two men were killed and two wounded at Paris, Ky., in Clay County, 12 miles from here, late yesterday.

Four members of the Sizemore family on one side, and Henry Barrett and W. H. Young on the other, engaged in a desperate fight. Young and one of the Sizemores were killed, and two of the Sizemores were probably fatally wounded.

An old feud was the cause of the trouble.

### WHERE ARE THE SKEPTICS?

In spite of all the evidence published in the daily press, and even in spite of the testimony of your best friends, you may still be skeptical regarding the unusual virtues of Dr. Chase's Ointment. Nothing short of an actual trial will prove to you beyond the possibility of doubt that Dr. Chase's Ointment is an absolute cure for piles. A single box will be sufficient to make you as enthusiastic as your neighbor in praising Dr. Chase's Ointment, for it is certain to cure you.

Surgeons, for their size, are the weakest of all fish; they are found in some parts weighing over a ton, but are perfectly helpless when attacked by a swordfish the size of a herring.

## Special Xmas Presents

One Hundred  
Dollar  
Diamond Ring

Will be in a prominent position in our window for sale on Saturday for the Cash, \$65.00

Stoddart's  
Jewellery Store,  
61 YATES STREET

### SEARCHLIGHT'S MOVING PICTURES

Continuous exhibition for ladies, children and gentlemen at 62 Fort street; open 1:30 to 5, 6:30 to 10; admission 10 cents; showing Paris Exposition, Wrestling Contest, Harvesting Scenes, the Astor House Tramp, etc., etc.

### Notice.

The General Scavenger Business formerly carried on by the late Ed. Lines will in future be carried on by Mrs. Ed. Lines, who wishes to thank customers for their past favors, and hopes they will continue their patronage.



## CORSETS

Made in the most up-to-date factory—by the very latest Machinery from perfect models and the most modern designs. They are as comfortable and durable as they are elegant.

E. ANDERNACH,  
57 YATES STREET.

NEW  
Xmas Jewelry.

Have received a large and very choice stock of goods suitable for Xmas gifts.

OAKLANDS  
NURSERY.

Best assortment, largest stock in the province of

HOLLIES, RHODODENDRONS,

Choice Evergreen and Ornamental Trees and Shrubs.

ROSES, FRUIT TREES

And General Nursery Stock

A. OHLSON, Prop.

WAR IN CHINA

Cut prices at Fred's Curiosity Shop. 1,100 plates to be sold before Christmas; also a gramophone and a graphophone, at half price, etc., etc.

Call and examine, only too glad to show goods.

F. J. BITTENCOURT,

61 YATES STREET.



rocer. 33 Fort St.





## Our Perfumes

For Holiday Time Are the Pride of Our Purchasers.

Galle, Evers, Elver, Conroy, Plonard, Beger & Galt, Robinson & Co., Crown Perfumery Co., Atkinson, Plonard and Seely have all contributed to make our store attractive to lovers of good Perfumes. We will be glad to show them to you.

**Cyrus H. Bowes,**  
CHEMIST,  
98 GOVERNMENT ST., NEAR YATES ST.

## Turkeys and Geese

Lowest Possible Price AT

**Johns Bros.**  
259 DOUGLAS ST.  
See Xmas Display.

## Xmas Perfumes

Perfume Sprays, Companions, Travelling Cases, Ebony Sets.  
**HALL & CO.**  
DISPENSING CHEMISTS  
Clearance Block, Cor. Yates and Douglas Sts.

## More Ships In Trouble

The American Schooner Reporter Latest Craft in Distress Off the Cape.

A Fifty-Ton Schooner Seen Bottom Up—The Highland Light Arrives.

Tug Tatosch, with the American bark Highland Light in tow from Barclay Sound, has arrived at Port Angeles. The tug called in here for clearance papers at about 3 o'clock yesterday morning, but left the bark at anchor outside while she came in to comply with the customs regulations. She brought news from Cape that the American schooner Reporter was in distress outside on Monday night. An effort was made to reach her with the tug, but a heavy sea was rolling and the tug could not approach her under the circumstances. It was therefore deemed advisable to take the Highland Light to her destination first and then return to the distressed Reporter.

The Highland Light appears to be badly battered by sea and wind. All her boats have been swept overboard, her mizenmast has also been carried away, and as the water tanks disappeared early in the bark's troubles the crew are said to have been in a bad way for want of drinking water. How the bark came to lose her way into Barclay Sound and avoid the numerous reefs along the way is almost miraculous, especially as the part of the coast must have been entirely strange to Capt. Maclure. How much water the vessel is taking into her hold has not been ascertained, and it has not yet been learned whether she will go to Puget Sound or come to Esquimalt. She was docked, Capt. Maclure describes the weather of the Cape as the worst he was ever in.

The Highland Light's misfortune, however, are probably no worse than the ill-luck which has befallen others. The steam collier William C. Hart, which arrived on the Sound from San Francisco on Monday, sighted an upturned vessel between fifty to seventy-five miles off Cape Flattery. From appearance it was a fifty-ton craft, and in all probability a fishing schooner, and it was doubtless several lives were lost in the wreck.

Capt. Hansen, on his arrival, submitted a written report as follows: "At 9 a.m., December 22nd, in latitude 44 degrees 20 north and longitude 124 degrees 40 west, I passed a small vessel bottom up. She had a white inside and red bottom. She was about fifty tons register."

While no one from the meagre description given was able to identify the wreckage, Seattle shipping men are inclined to the belief that the craft was a fishing boat bound from Victoria or some other British Columbia port for the northern grounds.

Another vessel which has suffered from the recent bad weather is the American schooner Mermel, which has recently been in the Port Sound lumber business. The Mermel was reported off Point Wilson this morning, and a Port Townsend tug had just sent from port to take her in tow for Esquimalt. The Mermel for a long time has been engaged in the whaling industry, and a year ago had a disastrous experience up North.

The funeral of the late Capt. John Steele, the lamented master of the Tree, who died in Vancouver on Sunday last, took place this morning from the family residence, No. 2 Market street, at 9:30 o'clock, and from the Roman Catholic cathedral at 10 o'clock. Requiem high mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Antone, while Rev. Father Althoff conducted the funeral services at the grave. A large number of people were in attendance and many beautiful floral designs were presented. The following all fellow citizens of the deceased, acted as pallbearers: E. Leckie, L. P. Lock, D. Martin, P. Lawrence and L. McLean.

About noon today a pedestrian accidentally knocked his hand through the window of the saloon in the old Commercial hotel, on the corner of Douglas and Cormorant streets, and sustained several cuts. His hand was bandaged in expert style at the police station.

## An Open Letter

Our friend, "An Old Customer," alias "Mrs. Williams," may be assured that some time ago we signified our intention of discontinuing

**TRADING STAMPS**  
AT THE END OF THIS CENTURY.  
In future we intend giving better value than ever from our large and well assorted stock, **GOODS ALWAYS FRESH, VALUE THE BEST.**  
**ERSKINE, WALL & Co.**  
The Leading Grocers

## CHRISTMAS BLAZE.

A Fire in Window of Cochrane's Drug Store Causes Lively Stir.

Shortly before 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon an alarm from box 21 called the fire department to John Cochrane's drug store on the corner of Douglas and Yates street, where quite a blaze had broken out in the show window facing on the former thoroughfare. The fire originated from the gas jet, and the inflammable decorative material—becoming ignited, the flames spread to the large array of Christmas goods, a quantity of which was in celluloid cases. The clerk and several passers-by beat out the fire with their coats before the department arrived. Fortunately the fire was confined to the window. The loss will amount to between two and three hundred dollars. The goods were insured. This was the chief's first blaze since his return from his California tour. Despite the fact that it interfered with Christmas celebrations the men turned out with alacrity.

## ALL QUIET ON THE STREETS.

Police Had an Opportunity to Meditate on the Serenity of Christmas.

Yesterday was quiet in police circles. While the daily routine was observed, nothing sensational occurred, the majority of the town being given up to turkey crunching. No local mathematician has yet estimated the amount of fowl avoirdupois demolished yesterday, but many a noble bird went the road of equally noble predecessors. There were a few however, whose savory fowl waited for them in vain. Little did they rock of the delights of negotiating the far-famed gopher, for all their latent energies were devoted to the difficult experiment of maintaining their equilibrium under circumstances, to say the least, of a rather unfavorable character. Several of these whose efforts toward effecting locomotion were absolute failures, were observed by the ubiquitous guardian of the peace whom nothing can wean from his duty, and the unsteady celebrants were escorted to the local Bastille on Cormorant street. One—a coy, smiling

## Excellent Gloves.

Excellent—yes—that is the word. It conveys exactly the merit of our gloves. We excel in the glove business, not because we say so, but because it is the verdict of the public, every day in evidence by our increasing patronage. We have absolute faith in the fitting and wearing qualities of our gloves, and have a counter specialty arranged where they can be fitted and examined before leaving the store. Gloves bought for presentation will be exchanged or fitted after Christmas. What would be more acceptable to a lady than a few extra pairs of gloves. Prices, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75.

## Things that Delight Gentlemen

We are here to serve the men, young and old, with all the accessories of their wardrobe. We have laid in a special stock of neckwear in rich heavy silks of uncommon design from 50c. to \$1.50. We also provide the good kinds of gloves for men in Deane's and Fowles' makes. Don't be afraid of giving a man something he doesn't need. He will not be overstocked with any of these:

HOUSE JACKETS, DRESSING GOWNS, FANCY SHIRTS, GLOVES, HANDKERCHIEFS, SILK MUFFLERS, UMBRELLAS, NECKWEAR, FANCY HOSIERY, COLLARS, DRESS SHIRT SHIELDS, SILK HATS, SOLE LEATHER GRIPS, ENGLISH PORTMANTEAUS, ETC., ETC., ETC.

**GEO. R. JACKSON,**

**FLETCHER BROS.,**

THE MUSIC DEALERS,  
65 GOVERNMENT STREET.

## Double Trading Stamps

The last opportunity of securing DOUBLE

TRADING STAMPS at

**THE STERLING**

88 Yates Street

Occurs this week, as we positively close this business on JANUARY THE FIRST

For Every Dollar Purchase in Every Department . . .

**WE GIVE**  
in **TRADING STAMPS**

**XMAS 1900**

Before making your purchases call and see our watches in solid gold, gold filled, silver or steel cases, with chains to match; also our great variety of articles in Jewellery, sterling silver ware and the best quality of quadruple silver plate, suitable for Christmas presents.

**C. E. REDFERN**  
43 Government St.

## Houp La! Xmas Here Again

So is Our Stock of Fine Presents for All.

MEAT AND GROUSE CARVERS, TABLE AND DESSERT KNIVES, PLATED KNIVES, FORKS, SPOONS AND FANCY WARE, FINE BREAD BOARDS, TABLE MATS, ETC., LADIES' PURSES, HAND MIRRORS, COMPANIONS AND SCISSOR SETS.

REMEMBER: OUR LINE OF LADIES', GENTS', BOYS' AND GIRLS' POCKET KNIVES  
78 GOVERNMENT STREET **FOX'S**

## KEEWATIN FLOUR

Lake of the Woods Milling Co. has no equal. Insist on getting "Five Roses."

## A. A. CLAYTON

Just Received A large assortment of **Gold Watches** Ranging in price from \$30.00 upwards.  
Jewellers and Diamond Merchants. 29 Fort Street

## A Merry Christmas To You

Permit us the pleasure of extending to you our sincerest hope that this may prove to be the merriest of all Christmases to you. Accept our heartfelt thanks for the generous patronage that you have bestowed upon us the past year.

Yours sincerely,  
**W.G. CAMERON,**  
35 JOHNSON STREET.

**CLAY'S**  
30 FORT STREET.  
"WHO COMES FIRST?" WE HAVE FOR SALE  
**A 7 Room House**  
Bathrooms, etc., in first-class order, for fronting on two leading streets, 224 miles walk from cor. Government and Yates, cost \$3,200, a snap at \$1,900. Will give terms and low rate of interest.  
FLINT & CO.,  
Real Estate Brokers, 11 Frontenac Ave.

## CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.

A few lots of Calendars, 1901, for sale, Johnston's, Douglas street.

Job lot of cross cut saws to be sold at less than half price, Shore's Hardware.

You will find it in the B. C. Guide; 50 per copy, 50c per year, in all book stores in B. C.

FIREWORKS for the youngsters during the Christmas holidays. Order from Hitt Bros., Tel. 290.

The Sisters of the Protectate thank Mr. Nott for his kind donation of \$5 in aid of a Christmas tree for their little boys.

Xmas Presents for everyone in the finest quality of Boots and Shoes for Misses, Boys, Youths and Men at Nangle's, 56 Fort street, the People's Shoe Shop.

Fresh Oysters Daily from our own beds at Sooke. Price, per sack, \$4.25; per gallon, \$3.00; per quart, 75c. New England Hotel.

Ladies come and see the elaborate furnished parlor on Welles second floor. The walls are hung with handsome tapestries, and it will be a real treat, we assure you.

Some annoyance has been caused to the management of the Royal-Victoria Life Insurance Company of Canada by the confusing of it by some of its policyholders with the Victoria-Montreal Fire Co., which has ceased in the meantime to take business. The Royal-Victoria Life Ins. Co. of Canada, on the contrary, is in a most prosperous condition.

Yesterday morning the Victoria & Sidney train was brought to a rather abrupt standstill, the rails spreading near Elk lake, causing the engine wheels to drop down on the ties. The wheels of the tender and the coach remained in their places, and no damage resulted. Mr. Paterson and some workmen immediately undertook to raise the wheels, but owing to the soft nature of the roadbed, caused by the large quantity of water from the hillsides the past few days, great difficulty was experienced. Traffic being only delayed a few hours. This is the spot where the mishap occurred a few days ago, when a coach left the track.

## Purses at Cost

As we no longer intend to carry purses, we have a fine line to dispose of which we are selling at cost. We have them in the best Leather, Seal and Calfskin. See window.  
F. W. FAWCETT & CO.,  
Tel. 700. 49 Government Street.

**THE MUTUAL LIFE**  
FORMERLY THE ONTARIO MUTUAL LIFE,  
ORGANIZED, 1859.  
**\$28,000,000**  
IN FORCE  
CANADA'S FAVORITE COMPANY.  
A Company of Policyholders BY Policyholders FOR Policyholders.  
S. W. RUDLEY, Special Agent.  
R. L. DRURY, Provincial Manager,  
34 BROAD ST.

**\$40,000.00**  
To loan in large and small amounts on mortgage on improved real estate.  
**SWINERTON & ODDY**



## BACK TO DUTY.

Chief Deputy Returns After a Health-Seeking Trip to California.

Thomas Deary, chief of the Victoria fire department, returned last evening from a tour of Southern California, which he undertook in obedience to the inexorable command of his physician. The chief left this city at 8 o'clock on November 24th, and returned at the same hour on Monday, and during the interim he entirely conquered the indisposition which was the cause of his trip.

He went by the overland route, and the passage from Seattle to San Francisco was of the most delightful nature. Good time was made, despite the delay occasioned en route by the repairing operations to a ferry slip which necessitated a discontinuance of the journey for several hours.

At Frisco the chief was overtaken by Steve Jones, the genial proprietor of the Dominion hotel, and from there on the two Victorians cast in their lot together and saw just about all there was to be seen in the most delightful state in the republic. After taking in all the points of interest about the Bay and incidentally testing the invigorating power of Sutter's baths, they continued their tour to the south, and the four and fifty odd miles from California's metropolis to Los Angeles was negotiated in a short order. In fact the Victorians went to sleep while at Frisco and when they awoke they were in the city of the Angels. In the chief's estimation, Los Angeles is well worthy of its Celestial name, and is one of the most promising cities in California. One of the prime factors advantageous to its development is the oil industry. The city is surrounded by many oil wells, and there is already a large market for this commodity. In fact it is utilized by the Southern Pacific on some of their lines, and Los Angeles being the nucleus for trade in this particular its advantages are readily apparent.

Naturally, the chief was interested in matters pertaining to the fire fighting departments of the various cities visited by him, and he characterizes that of Los Angeles as one of the most modern and best equipped on the coast. There are thirteen splendidly appointed new fire halls, up-to-date apparatus, and a department of 125 full paid men. Messrs. Deary and Jones did not confine their observations to Los Angeles, but visited the wondrouslands in the vicinity. Pasadena, with its beautiful orange groves, and other localities for which this part of California is famed, were included in their itinerary. Echo mountain, about eight miles from Pasadena, was ascended, and the splendid observatory thoroughly inspected. Rising in majestic splendor from Echo mountain some distance back is Mount Lowe, the summit of which is reached by an electric railroad, which negotiates ascents so precipitous that it requires a second glance to induce one to make the trip. En route is the great circular bridge which spans a cavern in the shape of an arch.

From Mount Lowe a grand panorama is unfolded to the beholder's gaze, particularly the San Gabriel valley, where the historic mission was established by the Spanish Jesuit Fathers in 1762. It is of adobe construction, and has four bell towers, and is a beautiful sight. There were originally six, but two were stolen by a sacrilegious thief, and in consideration of their historic value the loss was irreparable.

Santa Monica, the famous seaside resort about 18 miles from Los Angeles, was also taken in, and the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home visited. Here there are fully two thousand pensioners.

The great ranch of E. J. Baldwin, "Lucky Baldwin," was also toured. It consists of 37,000 acres, all under cultivation, and fertilized by an irrigation process which is carried on after the manner of a modern sewerage system. At this immense ranch the California millionaire keeps his stock.

The return trip was replete with many pleasurable incidents, and the chief had the opportunity at Sacramento of seeing how the firemen there combat the flames, a large fire having broken out in a box factory in that city during his stay.

Mr. Jones did not return with the chief, and will probably be a passenger on the Sound steamer to-morrow evening.

**A SEVERE CASE OF ITCHING PILES.**

Well-known Minister Escaped a Dangerous and Painful Operation and Was Thoroughly Cured of Piles by Dr. Chase's Ointment.

Rev. S. A. Dupray, Methodist minister, Conception, Prince Edward County, Ont., states: "I was troubled with itching and bleeding piles for years and they ultimately attained to a very violent form. Large lumps or abscesses formed so that it was with great difficulty and considerable pain that I was able to stool. At this severe crisis I purchased a box of Dr. Chase's Ointment, but I had little or no faith in it, as I had tried various remedies before and to no purpose.

"Now, imagine how great and joyous was my surprise to find that just the one box cured me, so that the lumps disappeared and also the external swelling. I feel like a different man to-day and have not the least doubt that Dr. Chase's Ointment saved me from a very dangerous and painful operation and many years of suffering. It is with the greatest pleasure and with a thankful heart that I give this testimonial, knowing that Dr. Chase's Ointment has done so much for me. You are at perfect liberty to use this testimonial as you see fit for the benefit of others similarly afflicted."

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Hard work wears, excess waste, and worry, disappointment, and the other evils of life take away the vim and snap of perfect health. Electricity applied in my way restores them. It makes one feel young.

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## FIRE!

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## Forestry Association

Since Its Formation a Year Ago the Membership Has Been Steadily Increasing.

Proposed to Hold a Number of Public Meetings—Annual Gathering.

(Special Correspondence of the Times.)

Ottawa, Dec. 19.—The second annual meeting of the Canadian Forestry Association will be held on the 7th of March next. It is expected that at the annual meeting papers will be given dealing with different aspects of forestry as related to the various provinces of the Dominion. As some of the prominent members of the American association, including Mr. Clifford Pluett and Dr. B. E. Fernow, have indicated their intention of being present at that meeting, it is hoped that arrangements may be made to have an illustrated lecture given in the evening by one of these gentlemen. Those who heard Dr. Fernow in his lecture on the battle of the forest before the royal society a few years ago can easily understand how interesting and instructive a lecture of this kind may be made, and as forestry work in the United States is much further advanced than in Canada, the information which any of the members of the American Forestry Association may be able to give will be of the greatest advantage to the work in Canada.

The Canadian association has been steadily growing in numbers since its formation, and although it is not yet a year in existence, it has a good membership, including representative men from all parts of the Dominion. It has also been regularly conducting a forestry department in "Road and Gun," published in Montreal, and has undoubtedly succeeded in awakening a much greater interest in the forestry problems that face the people of Canada. There is no question that the work which the association propose to carry out is of the utmost importance for the future of the Dominion, as her forest resources are one of her principal sources of wealth, and on it depends also the existence of many other industries which have brought Canada into prominence.

The work of the Dominion association has resulted in the formation of a provincial forestry association for British Columbia. The forests of British Columbia are so differentiated from those in any other part of the Dominion that the question involved in forest management are in many ways peculiar to that province, and therefore the demand for the existence of a provincial association is greater there than elsewhere.

During the present year the attention of the public has been so much taken up with other matters that the association has not attempted to hold many public meetings, but during the coming year it is the intention to hold a number at important points, and to conduct a more aggressive campaign generally. In pursuance of this policy, a meeting will be held in Toronto on the 5th of January in connection with the Canadian institute, at which a number of important papers in connection with forestry will be given. Mr. Stewart, the chief inspector of timber and forestry for the Dominion, has also arranged for a number of meetings to be held in the West during the months of January and February, and the annual meeting of the association will be held in Ottawa in the beginning of March, and following this there will be other conferences arranged for.

## Sporting News

## WHIST.

## J. B. A. A. TOURNAMENT.

The regular weekly whist tournament of the J. B. A. A. will take place tomorrow evening in the club rooms.

## LACROSSE.

## GOING EAST.

## (Associated Press.)

Montreal, Dec. 26.—It is stated that the Shamrock lacrosse team has secured the services of Latham, the brilliant home fielder of New Westminster club, to play with them next summer.

## THE KENNEL.

## FINE DOG POISONED.

Capt. Javender's fine black pointer was poisoned on Saturday night in the neighborhood of his kennel on Alfred street. The dog was named as one of the finest of its class in the country. This is only one of quite a number of dogs which have been poisoned this year, and it is to be hoped that the cruel perpetrator of the outrages on canine life will be apprehended and adequately punished.

The idea of the church spire was originated in the twelfth century.

## SHIPPING NEWS

HAPPENINGS OF A DAY ALONG THE WATERFRONT.

## VICTORIA TIDES.

By F. Napier Denison.

The zero of the accompanying scale corresponds to the level of the water at low tide, and 18.6 feet above the sill of the Esquimalt dry dock.

Time.	Height above zero.	Time.	Height above zero.
0:10 a.m.	3.2 feet.	1:00 a.m.	4.2 feet.
1:30 a.m.	8.4 feet.	7:50 a.m.	8.1 feet.
1:30 p.m.	7.0 feet.	2:30 p.m.	5.9 feet.
7:00 p.m.	6.0 feet.	8:40 p.m.	7.8 feet.

A relic of the ill-fated Alpha is to be seen on the Dominion wharf. Captain Walbran having on his visit to the wreck brought it down with him. It is a piece of the mainmast about forty feet long, and over five feet in circumference, broken off at the upper end like a carrot, by the force of the wind and sea on that fearful night. The lower part is nearly sawn to pieces by the working of the mast as the end loosened from the keel swayed backwards and forwards between the decks, caused by the violent rolling of the vessel.

Ship America is in Esquimalt awaiting orders. Capt. Harding reports that on his way North from San Francisco he passed a vessel off the Cape, which he thought was bound for the Columbia river. One of her sails had been carried away, and she otherwise looked the worst for her battle with the elements. Capt. Harding says he never saw anything worse than the weather he experienced on the trip.

Sealers are in a quandary over the reported return of the schooner Enterprise on Monday, for so far the vessel has put in no appearance either here or at Port Angeles, where it had been stated she had gone on Monday. They are disposed to believe that some mischievous one has set the report in circulation, for it is the second of a most serious nature given out since the vessel sailed.

Steamship Braemar, which was last here in 1898, and which has since been sailing out of Portland to the Orient, is again to be placed on the run to Puget Sound. The vessel is one of the biggest freighters in the Northern Pacific service.

Steamer Umattila, which arrived from San Francisco yesterday morning, landed a good freight for Victoria, merchants at the outer wharf, but brought a small number of passengers.

Captain M. Moller, superintendent of the North German Lloyd Steamship line, is on the Sound looking for a suitable terminus for his company's Asiatic steamship service.

Bark Dunriggan, after undergoing extensive repairs at the hands of the Albion Iron Works, will be launched from the Esquimalt marine railway to-morrow or next day.

Steamer Charming left Vancouver at 1:40 and connected with the train.

Steamer Cottage City leaves for Alaska ports to-morrow.

R. M. S. Mihvera is due from the Antipodes.

## NO AFTERMATH.

Only Three Offenders Were Arraigned in Court This Morning—Jack's Venture.

This morning's session of the police court was virtually devoid of any incident of more than ordinary interest. There was a fair attendance, however, and it appeared as though those present expected a post-Christmas harvest in the culprits' docket.

There were only three offenders, and of these John Handley, charged with vagrancy, was remanded until to-morrow. Wm. Daley was charged with the theft of a lantern from Charles Robinson. The accused was seen emerging from Robinson's cabin on Humboldt street with the lantern. The police were notified and immediately searched Daley's cabin.

While they were investigating Daley disappeared, evidently fearing the consequences. He was apprehended after the recovery of the lantern, and charged this morning as aforementioned. He would not give evidence, but asked for a remand, as he claimed to be able to produce a witness to prove his innocence. The alleged witness could not appear to-day, as it was doubtful if he had recovered from yesterday's festivities. The application was refused, however, in view of the overwhelming evidence against him, and he was sentenced to two months' imprisonment with hard labor. He had been before the tribunal on previous occasions on the charge of supplying intoxicants to Indians.

Jack, a Sitka Indian, was charged with the theft of \$5 from another aborigine. As an illustration of calm, complacent, criminal insouciance, as well as colossal nerve, Jack's action must stand in police court records in a little niche of its own. It appears that on Monday the informant entered a restaurant with the intention of charging a five dollar bill. The proprietor of the place had no change, but Jack, who was standing by, kindly offered to accommodate the change seeker. Immediately upon receiving the bill, however, he deposited it in the recesses of his pocket and took his departure. The other followed and in response to repeated requests and commands to return the money, Jack explained that he had lost it. The police were communicated with and went to Jack's cabin, where they found the recent one sitting on his bed. When asked regarding the money, he replied that he was unable to find it. Just then one of the constables grabbed the Indian's hat and the bill fell out of it; so much for Jack's protestations of innocence. This morning he was sentenced to a couple of months' hard labor.

Robert Richmond Pater now, who has returned to London from South Africa, will marry Lady Beatrice Frances Elizabeth, elder daughter of the Marquis of Ormonde.

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## Personal.

Mrs. L. Kane and Miss Kane, of Douglas City, Douglas Island, arrived in the city the other day. They came down on the steamer Cottage City and are visiting friends here. Mrs. Kane says that a fatal accident occurred in the Treadwell mines recently. It seems that three miners were one of the shafts of the mine fighting the fumes. After they had completed their task they found that the hoisting buckets could not work. Looking around they found that the ladders which usually are prepared for an emergency were not in position. They were then forced to resort to their last chance, that of climbing up the wire upon which the buckets worked. The first man managed to get up before the explosion took place, and the second miner was just slipping down again, his strength being exhausted, when the first man stretched over and hauled him up by the hair. The third man was not able to reach the top, and was killed by the explosion. Mrs. Kane will spend her Christmas holidays in this city.

Geo. L. Courtney, traffic manager of the T. & N., returned from Montreal, where he has been in consultation with the management of the C. P. R. in reference to the new traffic arrangement which comes into effect on March 1st.

Hon. W. C. Wells, chief commissioner of Lands and Works, left for Palliser on Monday evening for the purpose of spending the holidays at his home.

A. Stewart Potts, of Nelson, arrived in the city the other day for the purpose of spending the Christmas holidays with his friends in Victoria.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Shields, a bridal couple, of Seattle, are spending their honeymoon in this city. They are registered at the Victoria hotel.

Messrs. E. M. and R. M. Birge, formerly of this city, but now of Vancouver, have been spending Christmas here with friends. J. T. Hoggie and wife, of the Hotel Petalite, Seattle, are guests at the Victoria hotel.

C. A. Greig and wife returned yesterday from the honeymoon trip to California. Mrs. Ethel Butler left last evening for San Francisco.

## THE ALPHA INQUIRY.

Department May Undertake It If Warranted by Facts—Capt. Owens' Statement.

The local agent of marine has forwarded to the department at Ottawa an official statement of the disaster to the steamer Alpha on the night of the 15th. This report deals in detail with the accident referred to, and upon the facts as therein stated the department will decide whether or not a government investigation into the accident is desirable. Should such a course be taken, as is being urged by many interested in shipping matters, a commissioner will be appointed to take evidence and to sift the circumstances and the events leading up to it to the bottom.

A statement made by Capt. Owens, one of the navigators of the department, who was in command of the Constance until released from government service the other day, will doubtless have some weight in determining the action of the department. Capt. Owens states that about 9:30 on the morning of the 15th he was lying in a cove off Pender Island, when the Alpha came along. She seemed to be disabled, and was drifting broadside. As she came opposite the Constance she blew three whistles, the marine signal for a vessel in distress. Capt. Owens had already arrived at that conclusion from the peculiar actions of the craft, and dropping his tow at the wharf, he put out to her. As he came alongside and inquired what was the matter, Capt. York came on the bridge and replied that there was nothing wrong, only a few hot bearings. Repeatedly the captain had not given the signal, which possibly was blown from the engine room, and countermanded by the skipper before the Constance came alongside.

The crew of the steamer Thistle, which arrived from Union a few days ago, state that the hull of the Alpha has not yet broken up, but that it is lying solidly on the bottom. The wreckage seen from here is that coming from her housework and cargo, which has broken adrift.

"A" Co., 3rd R. C. R., intend giving their second ball on the night of the 16th prox. The funds derived from these dances go to the sports committee of the company. Tickets for gentlemen will be 50 cents and for ladies 25 cents. These are on sale at Hibben's, Salmon's and the Army and Navy cigar store.

## BIRTHS.

McLEAN—At Nelson, on Dec. 21st, the wife of W. C. McLean, of a son.

## MARRIED.

ANDERSON-DAY—At Christ Church, Vancouver, on Dec. 22nd, by Rev. L. Norcross, William Austin Anderson, of Redversville, Ontario, and Agassiz, B. C., and Alice Catherine, youngest daughter of the late William Day, of Hadlow, Mayfield, Sussex, England.

MACDONALD-BAILLY—At Vancouver, on Dec. 24th, by Rev. E. J. Marshall, H. A. Macdonald and Miss Minerva May Bailly.

## DIED.

WILLIAMS—On the 24th inst., at Esquimalt, B. C., James Ellis Williams, aged 56 years, a native of Cheltenham, England.

The funeral will take place on Thursday, the 27th inst., at 2 p. m. from the family residence, Admiral's road, Esquimalt. Friends will please accept this intimation.

STEWART—At Rossland, on Dec. 22nd, Matthew Stewart, aged 51 years.

CHICKMAY—At 827 Burrard street, Vancouver, on Dec. 24th, William Crickmay, M. L. C., late of Caterham, Surrey, aged 60.

LESTER—At Vancouver, on Dec. 24th, Mary, wife of John Lester, aged 99 years.

MEYERS—At Kamloops, on Dec. 18th, W. C. Meyers, aged 44 years.

HEATH—At Kamloops, on Dec. 21st, Charles Heath, aged 70 years.

COUCH—At Nelson, on Dec. 19th, Thomas Couch, aged 34 years.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

LOST—\$25, in \$5 notes—not gold—on floor, or—Hastings street, on Dec. 24th, M. L. C. late of Caterham, Surrey, aged 60.

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This afternoon the members of Victoria's police department had their pictures taken in front of the Cornmarket street barracks. The Messrs. Savannah official, and the solid phalanx of blue uniformed peace guardians presented a very imposing appearance. It is not volunteered too much to say that as lined up this afternoon, for physique and general appearance the local force can give points to any similar aggregation on the coast.

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